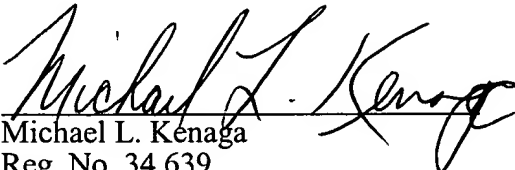


With regard to section no. 5, Applicant elects a species wherein the heated gas comprises hydrogen (claim 50).

Applicant submits that claims 25-29, 32-50, 52-55 and 58-73 read on the elected species.

In view of the foregoing, applicant requests that examination continue as to the invention group I.

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